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Shoreline City Council
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Dear Mayor and Council,

You have a unique opportunity to protect valuable ecosystems within the Subarea at 145th. You have said you want this huge Rezone to prevent sprawl and Climate Change.

But more importantly, as you decide on the zoning, you can protect incredibly valuable wetlands and the surrounding uplands that serve as buffers. Many of the surrounding uplands and wetlands are still within the R-6 Single-family areas. Protecting the wetlands within the Subarea is the most important thing you can do to fight climate change. Wetlands are probably the most effective climate change fighters we have. There are several within the Rezone area including Paramount Open Space, Twin Ponds and several remaining wetlands along I-5.

We realize you have much to read in the next few days before Monday's meeting. But, Please read this short article from International Business Times.

<http://www.ibtimes.com/climate-change-solutions-wetlands-are-more-powerful-fighting-climate-change-1817818>

The ECA's (critical areas) are only to be delineated or protected if a proposed development is of a substantial size. Many are still not mapped. Many of the underlying wetland soils are unknown. Much of the valuable forested uplands that enhance and protect the wetland and riparian zones are on private property.

The only way to ensure these are protected is to keep them as R-6 for the time being. And some may eventually be purchased or protected by the City as acquisitions or conservation easements.

Please read the short article and act to protect these vital wetland ecosystems.

Thank you.

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